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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Henry A. Kissinger //

SUBJECT:

Cambodian Base Area Operations

The US/ARVN force advancing into the Fishhook met scattered enemy resistance during the early hours of the operation. Preliminary reports indicate as many as 123 enemy KIA, with at least 73 the result of air strikes. As of 12:00 midnight (EDT) on April 30, friendly casualties were one ARVN KIA and seven WIA (four U.S.). COSVN Headquarters ceased communications with its subordinates at 1:30 p.m. (EDT) on April 30; in the past, such a procedure has been associated with relocations by the headquarters.

In the Parrot's Beak, ARVN units continue to move westward along Route 1 (map attached). Results include:

- -- Cumulative enemy losses in the Parrot's Beak Operation are 455 KIA. ARVN casualties include 56 KIA and 326 WIA. There have been two U.S. WIA.
- -- 186 individual and 32 crew-served weapons captured.
- -- 67 tons of rice captured and 350 bunkers destroyed.
- -- The commanding ARVN General has directed one task force to link up with Cambodian forces at Svay Rieng City who are reportedly being encircled by enemy forces.

NSA, Army reviews completed

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